



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

January 28, 2020

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 44

The Honorable Brian Egolf, Jr., Speaker of the House and
Members of the House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Speaker Egolf and Members of the House:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(B)(2) of the New Mexico Constitution, I am authorizing for your consideration during the Fifty-Fourth Legislature, Second Session, submission of a Bill bearing Legislative Council Service drafting number .216654, which increases the health insurance premium surtax; distributes a portion of the revenue from that surtax to a new Health Care Affordability Fund; creates the Health Care Affordability Fund ("Fund"), which is to be used to reduce the cost of health care coverage for New Mexico residents; and requires the Human Services Department to report on expenditures from the Fund and to create and present a plan with recommendations on expenditures from the Fund.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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By Chief Clerk of the House

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